

WI-397  
Cosquay Farm  
Hebron vicinity  
Private

c. 1850-60, c. 1920

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## MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Cosquay Farm

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-397

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition  
1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s):
  - Farm Complex
  - Farmhouse
  - Barn
  - Dairy and Bottling Plant

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Cosquay Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 7890 Rockawalkin Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Hebron ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Adkins

street & number Cosquay Farm 7890 Rockawalkin Road telephone no.:

city, town Hebron state and zip code Maryland 21830

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 78, p. 137  
liber 825

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 692

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Cosquay farm is located at 7890 Rockawalkin Road southwest of Hebron, Wicomico County, Maryland. The farm is bounded by Rockawalkin Road on the east and US Route 50 on the north. The house is oriented to face northeast with the gable roof placed on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built in stages between c. 1850-60 and c. 1920, the oldest part of the farmhouse is a two-story, center hall/single-pile, Greek Revival frame dwelling that was repositioned and incorporated into an early twentieth-century restyling of the house that included a large early twentieth-century addition. The original house was turned on its site with the original front joined to a two-story, one-room plan kitchen. The former back of the house was then covered and completely obscured by a large hip roofed addition designed in the four-square format. The house is supported on a brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The various hip, gable, and shed roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Also standing on the property is a large gambrel roofed barn erected in 1914 and a two-and-a-half story dairy building built after the form of a four-square house as well.

The northeast (main) elevation of the house is a three-bay facade with a Tuscan columned porch stretching across the first floor. The east side of the porch has been enclosed. Centered on the front wall is a generously sized entrance framed by seven-light sidelights and a cross-patterned transom. The door is a replacement. The adjacent window features a cross-patterned transom window as well. The second floor windows have been replaced. Fixed atop the steeply pitched hip roof is a hip roofed dormer fitted with a triple set of multi-pane sash windows.

On the southeast side of the house the original pedimented gable end of the Greek Revival house remains visible. A rebuilt brick stack rises through the gable end. The northwest gable end, on the other hand, was restyled around the turn of the twentieth century with a Victorian bay.

Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing, which is extended on two sides by single-story shed roofed additions.

The interior of the mid nineteenth-century house retains its original staircase and Greek Revival woodwork in the living room. The staircase features a heavy turned newel post and stick balusters that support a molded handrail. A Greek Revival mantel with tapered pilasters and a three-part divided frieze is fixed to the chimney breast, and the perimeter of the ceiling is enhanced with a plastered cornice.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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<sup>1</sup> Somerset County Land Record, WP 5/341, 2 March 1850.

<sup>2</sup> Lambert and Clarissa Adkins are buried on the farm.

<sup>3</sup> John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976. p. 11.



## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

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The principal first floor rooms of the c. 1920 addition include a generously sized entrance hall and an adjacent parlor. The Colonial Revival staircase is defined by large square mahogany newel posts and rectangular balusters which support molded handrails. Located in the parlor is a corner fireplace accented by a Colonial Revival mantel with detached columns and a mirrored overmantel.

Located behind the house is a small family burial ground that contains several graves: Lambert Adkins (b. December 22, 1812, d. June 4, 1857), Clarissa L. Adkins (b. March 22, 1822, d. May 28, 1897), Fanny Adkins (b. March 17, 1853, d. December 4, 1853), Sally T. Adkins (b. March 18, 1855, d. March 24, 1889), and William H. Henry (b. September 3, 1832, d. October 8, 1862).

South of the house is the dairy and bottling plant, a two-and-a-half story frame structure supported on a common bond brick foundation and sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched hip roof, marked by hip roofed dormers is covered with asphalt shingles. The first and second floors are lighted by two-over-two sash windows. Entrance to the dairy is gained on the southeast side. The door opens into the room used to wash bottles before filling them with milk. A line shaft, fixed within the side wall, was used for washing bottles.

The large gambrel roofed barn, erected in 1914, rests on a poured concrete foundation, and the exterior is clad with corrugated metal siding. The gambrel roofed is sheathed with green asphalt shingles. Metal lightning rods are fixed to the ridge of the roof. The gambrel roofed barn extends to the west with an ell addition.



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Chain of title

Map 28, Parcel 137

251.64 acres

825/692

B. Frank Adams, Personal Representative of the  
Estate of Ruby Hayman Adkins

to

7/9/1974

B. Frank Adkins  
Items Two and Three: the said Ruby Hayman Adkins having  
departed this life on or about 10/11/1973, LWT JAH 12/558

Wicomico County  
Estate No. 3889

B. Frank Adkins (died 1/28/1953, intestate)

to, wife

2/2/1953

Ruby Hayman Adkins

Wicomico County  
Estate No. 1043

Elijah James Adkins

to

12/8/1931

son, B. Frank Adkins  
daughter, Winifred Adkins

MNN 1/495

Administration Account of Elijah James Adkins

11/22/1932

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JTT 9/305                      Elijah James Adkins

to

10/26/1892                      Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad

that in consideration of the advantages derived from the  
construction of the Baltimore and Eastern Shore  
Railroad and the sum of one dollar...

...convey unto the Baltimore and Eastern Shore Railroad  
Company a right of way for its road bed through the land  
owned by said Elijah J. Adkins...known as part of  
Coscoway...

Somerset County  
Land Record  
WP 5/341

Edmund C. Horsey  
Eglantine Horsey

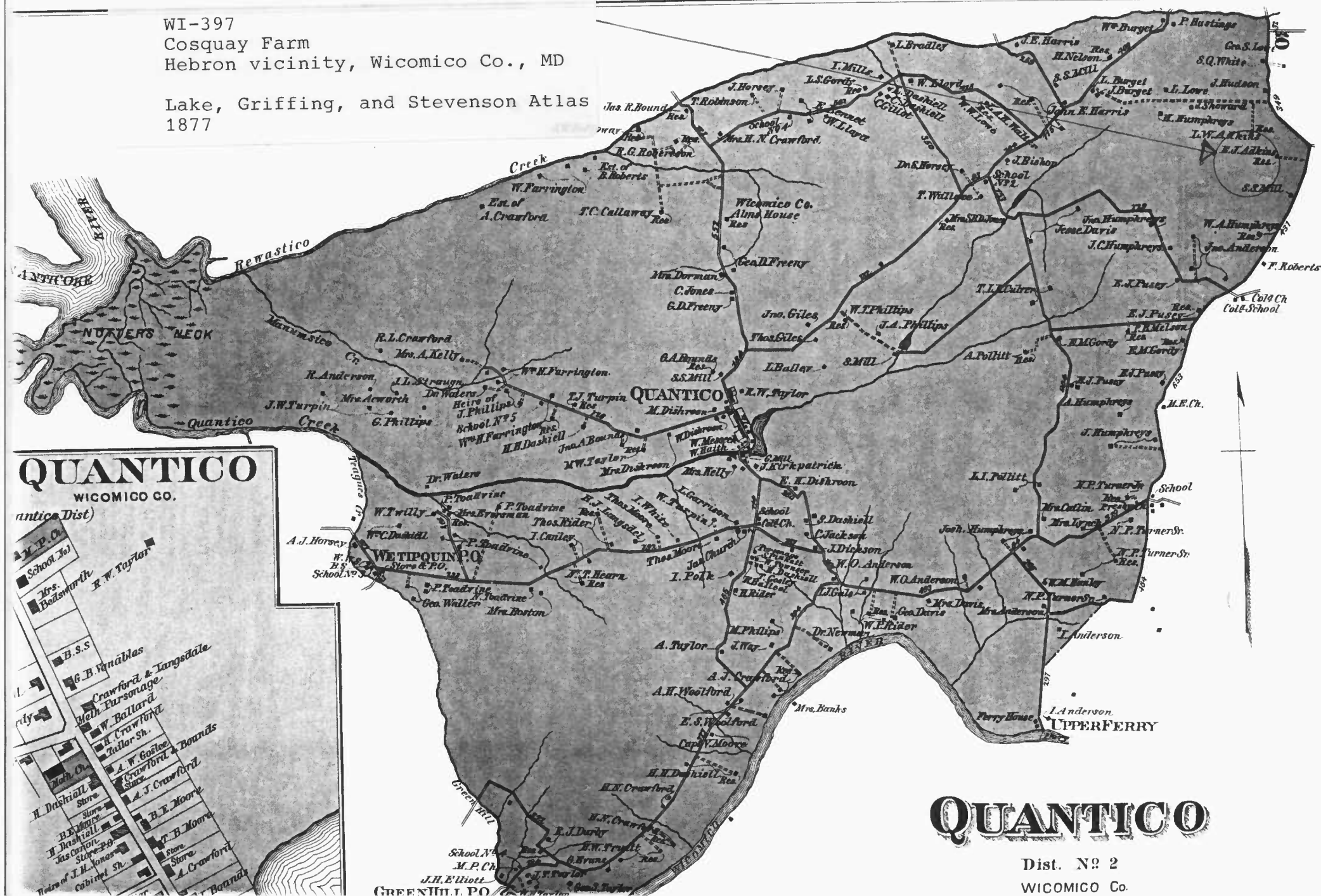
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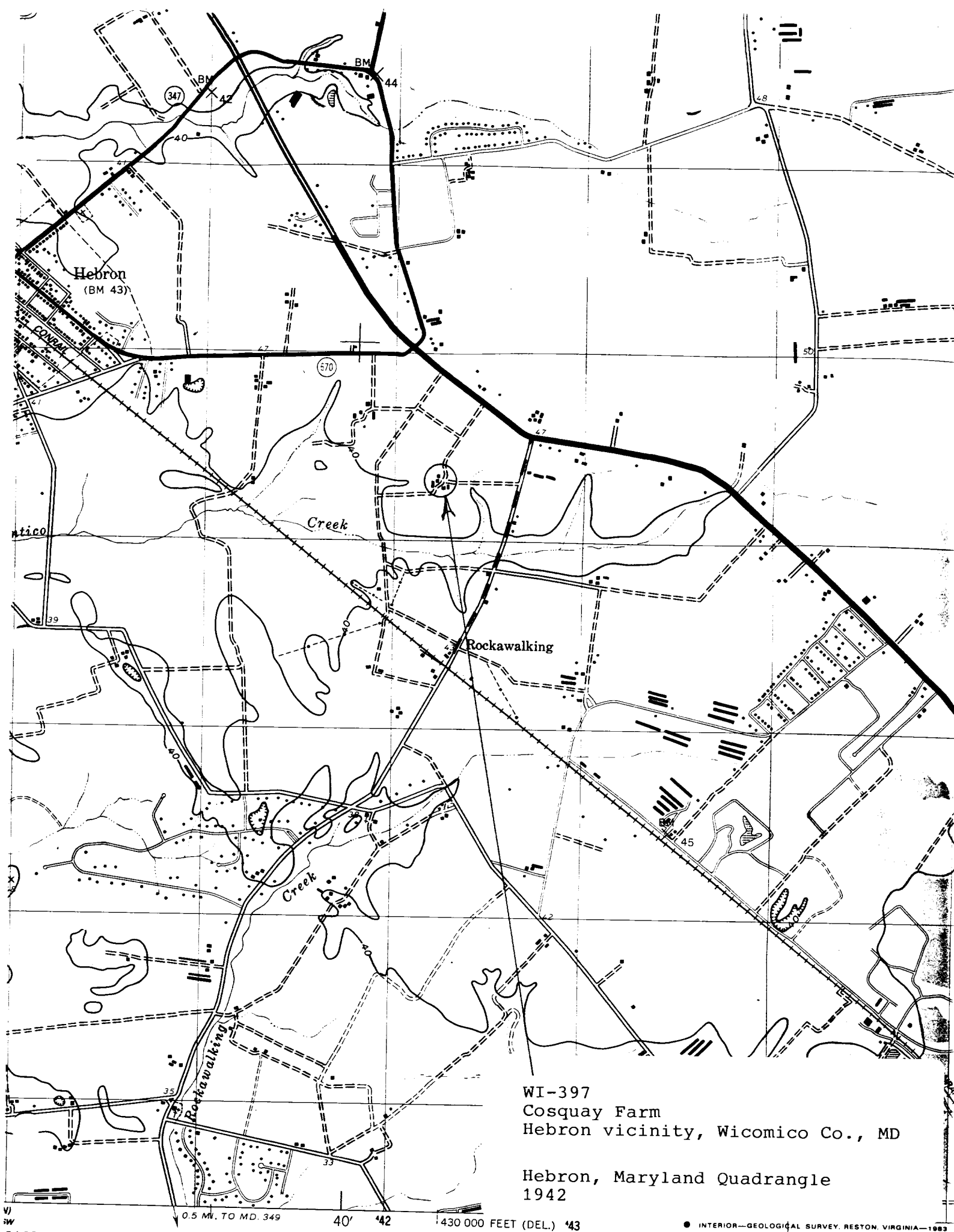
3/2/1850                      Lambert Adkins

\$2,244 "Coscoway" 327 acres  
...adjoining the lands of James Wilson, Jr....Beginning  
at a stone in the Middle of the County Road leading from  
Salisbury Town to Spring Hill Church and set up  
opposite to gates and lanes, one leading up to the  
Dwelling House of James Wilson, Sr. the other leading  
up to the Dwelling House of the late Peter Bell...

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas  
 1877







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Cosmos, Paris

Location in ... ..  
Southeast ... ..

4/99 Paris Tourist ... ..

NEB/100 ... ..

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Cosway Farm

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